



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6089

LCO No. 4833

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON STATE BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-9b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Each appointing authority for a state appointive board,
4 commission, committee or council shall make available to the public a
5 list of prospective appointed positions. Such list shall be made
6 available not less than two weeks before an appointment is made and
7 shall be posted in the appointing authority's regular office or place of
8 business, if any, and in the office of the Secretary of the State. Any
9 individual may recommend to the appointing authority a candidate
10 for such appointment and the appointing authority shall consider such
11 candidate prior to making a final appointment.

12 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) Appointing authorities, in cooperation with one another,
13 shall make a good faith effort to ensure that, to the extent possible, the
14 membership, except the ex-officio membership, of each state

15 appointive board, commission, committee and council having
 16 members appointed by the Governor or appointed by members of the
 17 General Assembly is qualified and more closely reflects the gender,
 18 [and] racial and ethnic diversity of the state. If there are multiple
 19 appointing authorities for a board, commission, committee or council,
 20 the appointing authorities shall inform each other of their appointees
 21 or planned appointees in order to facilitate compliance with this
 22 section.

23 [(b)] (c) The executive officer or chairperson of each state appointive
 24 board, commission, committee and council having members appointed
 25 by the Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly,
 26 except committees whose membership consists solely of members of
 27 the General Assembly, shall report in writing to the Secretary of the
 28 State on or after September first, but not later than October 1, 1993, and
 29 biennially thereafter, (1) the number of members of such body, and (2)
 30 the composition of the body according to (A) the term "race/sex", as
 31 defined in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and
 32 Opportunities, and (B) ethnicity. Such report shall not include the
 33 names of the individual members of the board, commission, committee
 34 or council. The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the
 35 reports submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records.

36 [(c)] (d) No provision of this section shall (1) prohibit an individual
 37 from completing a term as a member of a state appointive board,
 38 commission, committee or council being served on July 2, 1993, or (2)
 39 create a private right of action.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require public notification of all openings on state appointed boards, commissions, committees and councils, (2) require that

appointments be made to reflect the ethnic diversity in the state, and
(3) include ethnic categories in the reporting of such appointments.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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